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Letter dated 23 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey to you an account of flagrant violations of the ceasefire by the Sudan People's Liberation Army-North (SPLA-N) that took place recently in South Kordofan State.

1. On 9 February 2017, in Hijirat village, a force from SPLA-N composed of 80 troops attacked sleeping young herdsmen and killed seven of them. The oldest among the slain children was 17 years old. They also looted 1,500 head of cattle.

2. On 13 February 2017, another force from SPLA-N attacked Bajaaya village, east of Kadugli, killing two persons, one of them a child. They looted 250 head of cattle.

3. On 21 February 2017, SPLA-N attacked the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) post in Almashaish, west of Kadugli, but they were repulsed.

These atrocious incidents demonstrate beyond any doubt that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) SPLA-N is not serious in finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in South Kordofan. They aim to provoke SAF to retaliate and then claim that the Government is not respecting the ceasefire.

The Sudan Government, while renewing its commitment to the unilaterally declared ceasefire, hopes that the Security Council will send a strong message to SPLM/SPLA-N in this respect.

Having brought this matter to your kind attention, I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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